

**IDENTIFYING NON-EXTERNALIZED TEXT STRINGS
THAT ARE NOT HARD-CODED**

ABSTRACT

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A method, computer program product and data processing system for identifying non-externalized strings that are not hard-coded. In one embodiment, a method comprises the step of scanning a code, e.g., Java, line by line until a pair of string delimiters is identified. Once a pair of string delimiters is identified, the method further comprises the step of determining whether the string within the pair of string delimiters identified is a path name to a resource file, e.g., resource bundle. If the string is a path name to the resource file, then the string is a non-externalized string that is not hard-coded. If the string is not a path name to the resource file, then the string may be identified as a possible hard-coded string.

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